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Dear Mr. von Stamwitz:

U.S. EPA is in receipt of an offer dated August 31, 1990, from St. Louis Lead Recyclers ("SLLR") to commence negotiations for the remedial design and remedial action of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site in Granite City, Illinois (the "NL Site"). The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the offer presented by SLLR is not a "good faith" offer as that term is defined in the special notice letter of June 25, 1990, which U.S. EPA sent to SLLR.

A good faith offer must not be significantly different from U.S. EPA's Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD provides for the entire cleanup of the NL Site. SLLR's offer addresses only a small portion of the selected remedy for the NL site and appears to base its offer on the assertion that SLLR's involvement at the NL Site is clearly divisible from other potentially responsible parties. U.S. EPA disagrees with this assertion. We also note that SLLR's offer appears to be an attempt to reduce SLLR's existing statutory obligations.

Please direct all future contacts between SLLR and the United States related to this matter to Steven Siegel at our Office of Regional Counsel.

Sincerely,

Norman R. Niedergang
Acting Associate Division Director
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